

REMARKS

The restriction requirement mailed September 3, 1998 divides Applicants' Claims 1-21 into two groups: (I) Claims 1-7, drawn to a patch bag, and (II) Claims 8-21, drawn to a process for making a patch bag. The Office Action states that each of the inventions are distinct and are related to one another as process of making and product made, and that the process can be used to make other materially different products, and that the product can be made by a materially different process.

In response, Applicant notes that in fact the claims directed to patch bags include Claims 1-7 as well as Claims 18 and 20, while the process claims include Claims 8-17, 19, and 21. As a result, Applicants' election below assumes that the restriction requirement was intended to be a restriction of all of the patch bag claims (i.e., Claims 1-7, 18, and 20) from all of the process claims (i.e., Claims 8-17, 19, and 21).

Applicants' Election

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of March 30, 1999, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-7, 18, and 20, each of which is drawn to a patch bag.

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